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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. JOE MATLOCK WILL BE ON PAA FLIGHT 44 DEPARTING NYC
DECEMBER 18 AND ARRIVING MOSCOW SUNDAY AFTERNOON DEC 19.
2. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ON OUTCOME OF GRAIN TALKS SINCE
USDA DELEGATION MAY NOT REPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE.
3. DOBRYNIN WAS CALLED ON TODAY TO DISCUSS MARITIME ISSUE.
WE HAVE A REPORTING CABLE IN THE WORKS BUT WILL HIGHLIGHT
QUICKLY WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME. DOBRYNIN WAS TOLD
SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND OUR CONCERN THAT CONGRESS
AND THE UNIONS MAY TAKE A HAND IF THE ISSUES ARE NOT RE-
SOLVED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. WE WENT OVER THE ISSUES
--THEY ARE IN THE SAME AS IN MARAD'S CABLE TO AVERIN OF
DECEMBER 13. PARTICULARLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ACTUAL
CARRIAGE AS DETERMINANT OF US SHARE OF CARGO. NOTE WAS
THEN GIVEN DOBRYNIN SAYING THAT IF THESE ISSUES WERE NOT
RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY BY JANUARY 1, WE WOULD HAVE TO INI-
TIALIZE STEPS TO RESTRICT SOVIET ACCESS TO US PORTS UNDER
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DOBRYNIN REQUESTED WE DELAY DELIVERY OF NOTE UNTIL MONDAY.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION AND THAT AFTER THIS WAS CLARIFIED, HE WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO MOSCOW, IMPLYING THIS WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO US. AFTER MEETING DZHAVAD AND CASEY CLARIFIED US POSITION AND DZHAVAD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT.

WE AGREED TO DELAY DELIVERY OF NOTE PENDING ACTION BY DOBRYNIN, AS DEMONSTRATION OF COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE ACTION FAST. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE CAN'T DOUBLE BACK THIS YET.

4. THE NEW YORKER FOR DEC 13 AND 20 CARRIES A TWO PART ARTICLE OF SOME 60 PAGES ON MICROWAVES. THE THEME IS THAT MICROWAVE POLLUTION IS THE DDT OF THE 1970S AND THAT WE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE DANGERS IN LOW LEVEL EXPOSURE. CLAIM IS THAT DOD AND OTHER INTERESTS KEPT US SAFETY STANDARD ARTIFICIALLY HIGH AND THAT THIS WAS REASON WE TREATED MOSCOW SIGNAL PROBLEM SO GINGERLY-EVEN AFTER THE DUST UP THIS YEAR. THE QUALITY IS UNEVEN, WITH SOME GOOD STUFF AND SOME VERY ALARMIST STUFF, PARTICULARLY FROM ZARET WHO IS BIG ON THE NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS OF MICROWAVES AND THE IDEA THAT HE WAS CUT OUT OF THE RESEARCH LOOP ON THE SUBJECT IN THE 1960S BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON TELLING THE TRUTH. WE HAVE POUCHED YOU COPIES TODAY AND WILL SEND PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH SHOULD EQUIP YOU SOMEHOW FOR DEALING WITH THE STAFF. BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS THE REACTION TO THE BRIEFING ON THE OVER 2 MICROWATTS BUSINESS? YOU WILL SEE THAT THE SOVIET REACTION WAS NOT HELPFUL - BUT NO RECURRENCES.

5. WHAT WOULD TOM SIMONS THINK OF STAYING ON A WHILE PAST FEB 1 IF THE TIMING ON A REPLACEMENT IS NOT EXACT? DICK VIETS SEEMS FLEXIBLE ABOUT WHEN TOM GETS OUT THERE EVEN AS LATE AS AUGUST -- AND REPORTEDLY THINKS TOM MAY PROFIT MORE FROM INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION IF HE ARRIVES OUT OF PHASE.

6. YOU WILL NOW HAVE TELEGRAM ABOUT SAYRES FINDINGS ON INSPECTION. AMBASSADOR TOON TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS WHEN HE WAS HERE AND ASKED THAT AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM OF THE
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SORT SUGGESTED BY SAYRE BE THOUGHT OUT BEFORE HE ARRIVES FOR HIS CONSIDERATION .

7. THE MARITIME BOUNDARY AND 200-MILE LIMIT ISSUE; ARE HOT ONES. PLEASE TELL YOUR PEOPLE TO GIVE IT A HIGH PRIORITY DESPITE THE USUAL STRICTURES ABOUT PRESS REPORTING THERE WERE SOME GROWLS WHEN THE IZVESTIYA ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEC 10 ONLY GOT HERE TODAY. KISSINGER

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